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1. During 1954, a great many political prisoners have been freed from forced labor camps, especially those connected with the construction of the Danube River-Black Sea Canal. Among those liberated have been:

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Bratianu, Mrs. (fnu)
Cekropid, Dinu
Durma, Mircea
Gheorghiu, Georgel
Grigoriu, Alecu
Lahovari, Ton
Lazeanu, Mihail
Nemitor, Sergiu
Radulescu, Nicusor
Radulescu, Savel
Tatarescu, Sanda
Teodorescu, General Paul

- 2. Some of these individuals where not permitted to return to their homes, were sent to Baraganu for a forced residence of one or two years.
- 3. The village of Dropia, seven kilometers from the Ciulnita railroad station, is composed of about 500 families, mostly from Turnu Severin and the Banat, who were taken from their homes and forced to live in Dropia. Their shelter at first consisted of tents made from clothing, wardrobes, etc. Supplies were scanty and infrequent. Older people and children died frequently. At first the people made themselves huts in which they lived in an indescribable condition. Later the State gave them materials to build small homes. Now the village consists of about 500 identical houses. Every farmer has made himself a truck garden and lives off its produce. Some have even acquired a little land. Others work for the State on a small salary. The whole village hates the Communists. They talk openly and curse the Government.
- h. To these small houses in Dropia the liberated prisoners have been brought.

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| They cannot go further than seven kilometers from the village, though their families may visit them and bring them food and clothing. Their morale is very low. Many were sick when they were liberated. Many need dental attention. In Baraganu their plight is difficult as they can do little to help themselves. | |
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